

## **October 16, 2008 Minutes: Facilitation of Community Choices Committee**

The Committee met in the meeting room at the Police Station. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM

**Members Present:** Stan Gawle, Katherine Vorwerk Feldman , Richard Spurgin , Alison Donta- Venman , Martha Hanner , Bob Saul ,Irvin Rhodes, Jerry Jolly and Joan Golowich

**Members Absent:** Isaac Ben-Ezra

**Others Present:** John Musante, Andy Steinberg, Larry Kelly and Jada Kelly

**Common display:** Kathy Vorwerk Feldman talked about the upcoming event this Saturday from 9-12. A table would be set up and information would be handed out. Several members volunteered to help.

**Questionnaire responses:** To date, 199 questionnaires had been done on line. Forty eight paper questionnaires had been returned.

**Town Meeting:** It was reported that the first mailing for Town meeting members went out yesterday. It contained the questionnaire and related materials. Bob Saul reported that he was disappointed that he is being allowed only ten minutes at the Town meeting Coordinating Committee. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that Bob Saul would contact the Town Moderator and request a half hour to give a report at the Town Meeting. He would also coordinate with Brian Morton.

**Public Meeting:** On a motion by Bob Saul and a second by Irv Rhodes, the committee agreed to hold the last presentation on either Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

**Discussion:** Several areas were discussed in preparation for our report; core budgets, further state aid reductions, menu override concepts, pension and health costs, and how we reflect the opinions of the public in our report.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:05**